

# 2020 Journey to Europe

MAY 24 TO JUNE 18, 2020

## Trans North Atlantic Journey



**Highlights:** For many adventurous pilots, crossing the North Atlantic is a lifetime dream. Air Journey brings its experience to help motivated pilots and guests realize this dream.

**Total Distance:** 8,360 nautical miles

**Cost:** \$ 27,850 per person (double occupancy)  
\$ 4,950 plane registration fee  
*Single supplement available upon request*

# Itinerary

## Day 1 - Sunday, May 24: Québec City, Canada

Welcome to Québec! Air Journey staff will greet you at the Fairmont Le Château Frontenac.

All participants will meet for introductions and attend an extensive briefing covering the general procedures of our Journey as well as details for tomorrow's departure.

Afterwards, we will gather for a welcome cocktail before dinner.

*Hotel: Fairmont Le Château Frontenac  
Welcome cocktail and Dinner included*



## Day 2 - Monday, May 25: Québec City, Canada → Goose Bay, Canada → Reykjavík, Iceland

**575 + 1,340 Nautical Miles  
(Alternate routing available)**

We will fly over the immense forests and numerous lakes of Canada on our way to Goose Bay for a technical stop.

Then continue and land at Reykjavík, on the west-coast of Iceland.

*Hotel: Hotel Borg  
Breakfast and Dinner included*



## Day 3 - Tuesday, May 26: Reykjavík, Iceland

Today we will visit the Blue Lagoon, Iceland's most unique and popular attraction.

Communicating a world of healing power, wellness and beauty, the Blue Lagoon was founded on a unique source of geothermal seawater that originates in Iceland's extreme environment.

*Hotel: Hotel Borg  
Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included*

## Day 4 - Wednesday, May 27: Reykjavík, Iceland → Dundee, Scotland

**725 Nautical Miles**

Fly to Dundee, Scotland's fourth-largest city and the 51<sup>st</sup> most populous built area in the United Kingdom.

Upon arrival, we will transfer to the multi award winning Taypark House, former Scots Baronial Mansion. This eye-catching building was constructed around 1863 and is set within serene garden grounds and panoramic views across Dundee's Botanical Gardens and out towards the River Tay and the hills of Fife.

*Hotel: Taypark House  
Breakfast and Dinner included*

**Day 5 - Thursday, May 28: Dundee, Scotland**

With our local guide we will visit Dundee's Art Gallery and Museum located in a grand old Victorian building in the center of Dundee, the McManus keeps a collection of works by 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century European masters and local artists, as well as local history exhibits from prehistoric times to the present day.

Our tour then continues to St. Andrews, located on the Scottish coast and a home to the oldest university in the Scotland, St. Andrews is a town filled with history, beauty, and a diverse local culture.

*Hotel: Taypark House*  
*Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included*



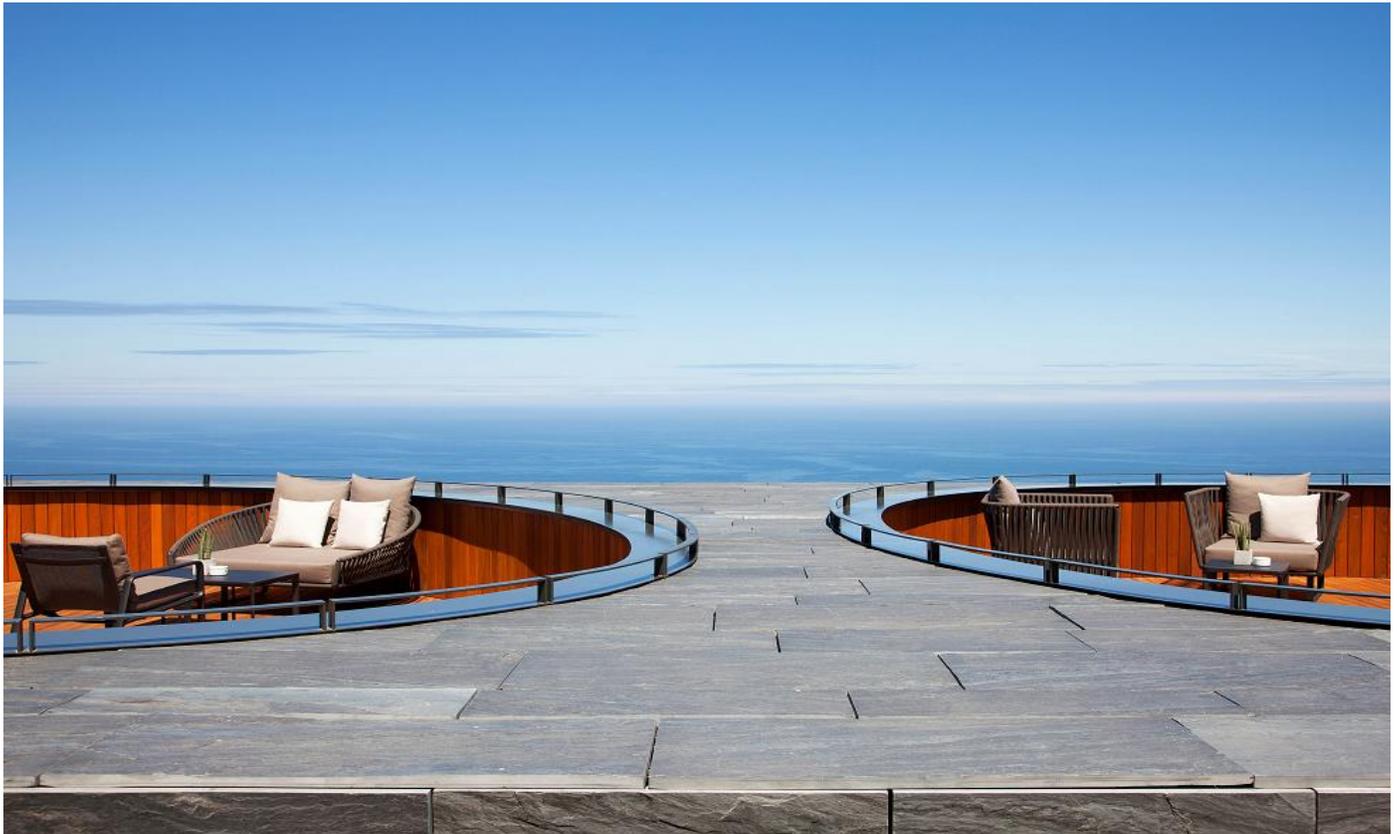
**Day 6 - Friday, May 29: Dundee, Scotland → San Sebastián, Spain**

**790 Nautical Miles**

Fly to San Sebastián.

Located in the center of San Sebastián, Akelarre Hotel enjoys the tranquility of a natural environment on the Basque coast. The Hotel's restaurant Akelarre has maintained 3 Michelin Stars since 2006.

*Hotel: Akelarre Hotel*  
*Breakfast and Dinner included*



**Day 7 - Saturday, May 30: San Sebastián, Spain**

With our local guide we will go for a half-day city tour of San Sebastián and see the Victoria Eugenia Theater, Paseo Nuevo promenade, San Telmo Museum, North Station, Avenida de la Zurriola and Buen Pastor Cathedral.

*Hotel: Akelarre Hotel  
Breakfast and Dinner included*

**Day 8 - Sunday, May 31: San Sebastián, Spain**

Today we will go for a scenic drive to Bilbao, an industrial port city in Northern Spain and visit the Guggenheim Museum. The Guggenheim is Bilbao's collection spans from the mid-20th century to the present day, concentrating on postwar painting and sculpture in America and Europe.

The collection includes key works by significant artists including Anselm Kiefer, Willem de Kooning, Robert Motherwell, Gilbert & George, and Richard Serra.

*Hotel: Akelarre Hotel  
Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included*



**Day 9 - Monday, June 1: San Sebastián, Spain → Seville, Spain**

**405 Nautical Miles**

Fly to Seville - capital of Southern Spain's Andalusia region.

We will transfer to Hotel Alfonso XIII, commissioned by the King of Spain to play host to International Dignitaries during the 1929 Exhibition, Hotel Alfonso remains an iconic cultural landmark.

*Hotel: Hotel Alfonso XIII  
Breakfast and Dinner included*



### **Day 10 - Tuesday, June 2: Seville, Spain**

Today we will go for a half-day city tour and explore the history of Seville – Bridge of Isabel II, Reales Alcázares, La Real Maestranza, Archive of the Indies, Plaza de La Encarnación, Plaza de España and view of La Giralda.

*Hotel: Hotel Alfonso XIII  
Breakfast and Dinner included*

### **Day 11 - Wednesday, June 3: Seville, Spain**

Today is at leisure to relax or explore on your own.

This evening we will go for a Flamenco dance show, seeing a flamenco show in Seville is an absolute must along with eating tapas and drinking sherry wine!

*Hotel: Hotel Alfonso XIII  
Breakfast and Dinner included*



### **Day 12 – Thursday, June 4: Seville, Spain → Madrid, Spain**

**215 Nautical Miles**

Fly to Madrid, Spain's central capital, a city of elegant boulevards and expansive, manicured parks such as the Buen Retiro.

Upon arrival, we will transfer to Heritage Madrid Hotel, an oasis in the heart of city where you can experience unique experiences surrounded by details of classic elegance.

*Hotel: Heritage Madrid Hotel  
Breakfast and Dinner included*

### Day 13 - Friday, June 5: Madrid, Spain

Today we will explore the historic sights and get the background on the Spanish Empire that spanned the globe in the 16th and 17th-centuries.

Visit Prado, one of the best and most popular art museums in the world. There is an overwhelming collection of masterpieces by renaissance and baroque masters. Madrid's green heart and full of elegant gardens, the Retiro Park, was a royal property up to the end of the 19th century when it was opened to the public. Plaza Mayor is a handsome renaissance square and local art nouveau marketplace that dates to 1916.

*Hotel: Heritage Madrid Hotel*

*Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included*

### Day 14 – Saturday, June 6: Madrid, Spain → Catania, Italy

**890 Nautical Miles**

Fly to Catania on the island of Sicily. Upon arrival, we will transfer to Taormina's seaside district on the Mediterranean Sea. Set on its own exclusive beach, beside one of the most beautiful coastlines in all of Italy, Villa Sant' Andrea overlooks the tranquil aquamarine sea.

Built by an aristocratic family in 1830 among lush, subtropical gardens, this secluded retreat retains all the charm of a private residence. Relax in a sun-dappled seat or enjoy a short cable car ride to the center of Taormina with its many cultural attractions and sophisticated shopping scene.

*Hotel: Villa Sant' Andrea*

*Breakfast and Dinner included*

### Day 15 – Sunday, June 7: Catania, Italy

Today we will tour along Sicily's eastern coast, past varied landscapes, gardens and traditional villages including Fiumefreddo di Sicilia before heading inland for a visit to a local winery. Rising in elevation, enjoy views of Mt Etna, the largest active volcano in Europe and a UNESCO World Heritage site that dominates the Sicilian landscape.

*Hotel: Villa Sant' Andrea*

*Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included*



**Day 16 – Monday, June 8: Catania, Italy**

Today is at leisure to relax or explore on your own.

*Hotel: Villa Sant' Andrea*  
*Breakfast and Dinner included*

**Day 17 - Tuesday, June 9: Catania, Italy → Florence, Italy**

**420 Nautical Miles**

Fly to Florence. This capital of Italy's Tuscany region is home to many masterpieces of Renaissance art and architecture.



Upon arrival, transfer to Hotel Villa Cora, an aristocratic residence built at the end of the XIX century upon commission by Baron Oppenheim reflecting architectural styles of that period.

*Hotel: Villa Cora*  
*Breakfast and Dinner included*

**Day 18 - Wednesday, June 10: Florence, Italy**

Today we will go for a half-day city tour and discover a myriad of architectural wonders and a profusion of exquisite artwork, all of which culminate into one cultural masterpiece of the city.

*Hotel: Villa Cora*  
*Breakfast and Dinner included*



### Day 19 - Thursday, June 11: Florence, Italy

Chianti dream! Today we will spend our beautiful day with a full-day picnic in the best wineries of the Chianti region. The tour will be accompanied by a best wine expert and we will visit three wineries of different sizes and positioned around Montalcino, with tasting of great wines followed by lunch.

*Hotel: Villa Cora  
Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included*

### Day 20 - Friday, June 12: Florence, Italy → Milan, Italy

**130 Nautical Miles**

Fly to Milan Linate Airport where we will transfer to Como – Immerse yourself in Lake Como. Enjoy a breathtaking setting on the shores of Italy's most famous lake, Mandarin Oriental, Lago di Como exudes romantic Italian style perfectly complemented by timeless Oriental charm. Atmospheric, elegant and incredibly private, the hotel effortlessly blends the romance of the past with the luxury of the present.

*Hotel: Mandarin Oriental  
Breakfast and Dinner included*



### Day 21 - Saturday, June 13: Lake Como, Italy

With our local guide, begin an exploration of Como, the lake's main town, as we discover historic center. After lunch, enjoy a cruise around Lake Como admiring chic hillside villas and hotels against the backdrop of the Alps.

*Hotel: Mandarin Oriental  
Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included*

### Day 22 - Sunday, June 14: Lake Como, Italy

Today is at leisure to relax or explore on your own.

*Hotel: Mandarin Oriental  
Breakfast and Dinner included*

### Day 23 - Monday, June 15: Milan, Italy → Ostend, Belgium

**430 Nautical Miles**

Fly to Ostend, the capital of West Flanders in Northwest Belgium.

Transfer to Hotel Duke's Palace, former residence of the Burgundian aristocracy and a unique hotel in Flanders, located in the heart of the UNESCO World Heritage city of Bruges.

*Hotel: Hotel Duke's Palace  
Breakfast and Dinner included*



**Day 24 - Tuesday, June 16: Bruges, Belgium**

Today enjoy a walking tour with our local guide as we begin our exploration of Bruges. We will visit the famous Minnewater (Lake of Love), one of the most delightful corners of the city, Our Lady's Church — home to Michelangelo's magnificent 16th-century marble statue, *Madonna of Bruges* — and the Market Square with its grand Belfry. Admire Bruges' beautiful Town Hall Square (Burg) and the ornate façade of the Basilica of the Holy Blood. The basilica was originally constructed in the 12th century as the residence of the Count of Flanders.

After lunch, visit the Groeninge Museum ('The city museum of Fine Arts'). The collection in the museum spans several centuries (from the 14th to the 20th century) and focuses primarily on works by painters who lived and worked in Bruges.



*Hotel: Hotel Duke's Palace*  
*Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included*



**Day 25 - Wednesday, June 17: Ostend, Belgium → Reykjavík, Iceland**  
**1,100 Nautical Miles**

After breakfast and an in-depth briefing, we will launch for our over-water crossing to Iceland and spend the night at Hotel Borg.

Dignified and imposing, Hotel Borg overlooks the beautiful square of Austurvöllur, in the heart of Reykjavík, across from Althingi, the Icelandic parliament and the cathedral.

*Hotel: Hotel Borg*  
*Breakfast and Dinner included*

**Bay, Canada → Home**

**Day 26 – Thursday, June 18: Reykjavík, Iceland → Goose**  
**1,340 + Nautical Miles**  
**(alternate routing available)**

After breakfast and another in-depth briefing, we will fly to Goose Bay for a technical stop to refuel before flying our separate ways as we head home.

*Breakfast included*

## Transatlantic Journey Distances

From:	To:	ICAO Code:	Distance (NM):
Home	Québec City	CYQB	
Québec City	Goose Bay	CYR	575
Goose Bay	Reykjavík	BIRK	1,340
Reykjavík	Dundee	EGPN	725
Dundee	San Sebastián	LESO	790
San Sebastián	Seville	LEZL	405
Seville	Madrid	LEMD	215
Madrid	Catania	LICC	890
Catania	Florence	LIRQ	420
Florence	Milan	LIML	130
Milan	Ostend	EBOS	430
Ostend	Reykjavík	BIRK	1,100
Reykjavík	Goose Bay	CYR	1,340
Goose Bay	Home		
		<b>TOTAL NM:</b>	<b>8,360</b>

# Terms & Conditions

## Our land program includes:

- Presence of an Air Journey tour leader who will facilitate clearances, Immigration, refueling, flight planning, and provide help with any difficulty that might arise
- Full-time services of a professional Air Journey guide and local experts
- Lodging: for 26 days, 25 nights
- All meals as described in the program
- Wine selected by Air journey is included with dinner. All other beverages are not included.
- All sightseeing, hotel taxes, gratuities and guide services as indicated in the itinerary
- Round trip transfers between the airport and hotel
- Customs and Immigration forms (filled by Air Journey when possible)

## Our land program does not include:

- Travel Insurance (available, call us for details)
- Airport departure taxes
- Beverages except as noted above
- Personal expenses such as laundry, room service, communication charges and other incidentals

Please note that hotel accommodations and sightseeing are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances. Air Journey reserves the right to amend the order of sightseeing as necessary. Every effort will be made to operate tours as planned but alterations may occur after the final itinerary has been issued.

Our quoted prices include planning, handling and operational charges; they are based on current rates of exchange, tariffs and taxes as of March 2019. Air Journey reserves the right to increase tour prices to cover increased costs, tariffs and taxes, and to reflect fluctuations in foreign exchange markets.

## Passports are mandatory for the Journey.

Air Journey has quoted this itinerary with a minimum participation of 5 airplanes.

## The Registration fee includes:

- Extensive Navigation log (airports, route, frequencies, information of airspace, nav-aids, reporting points, international flight plan) tailored for each aircraft;
- Flight plans and eAPIS manifest (departure and arrival) filed on your behalf;
- Pilot briefing prior to each day's flight;
- Weather website with constant updates showing TAF, METAR, Wind Aloft, prognostic forecast and review;
- Fuel availability confirmed along the route of flight;
- Flight bag and collared, cotton shirt for the pilot with his name and aircraft tail number embroidered on the upper front. Shirts are available for passengers and crew at an additional cost.

## Cancellation, refunds:

- a) **Cancellation by the client:** Is always required in writing and is subject to the following schedule of dates, whereby some or all moneys paid will be retained:
  - i) Given outside of 120 days of departure: AJ retains deposit per person and plane registration fee
  - ii) Between 120 and 90 days of departure: AJ retains 50% of tour cost and plane registration fee
  - iii) Between 89 and 45 days of departure: AJ retains 75% of tour cost and plane registration fee
  - iv) Less than 45 days or no show of departure: AJ retains 100% of tour cost and plane registration fee
- b) **Cancellation by AJ:** Should AJ cancel the tour after deposits have been received due to fewer than the minimum participants required, the full deposit will be refunded. Should AJ cancel the tour at any time due to factors beyond their control (including war, flood, force of nature, riot, civil action), they will refund the client whatever portion of moneys are reimbursed by ground operators and accommodation suppliers.

**Survival equipment** is available for rental on a daily basis and will be waiting for you at our departure point. Contact us for details. Life vests are mandatory. A life raft is recommended.

## Travel and Cancellation Insurance

Travel and Cancellation Insurance is strongly recommended and not included in the package but it can be purchased from Air Journey for approximately 6% of the cost of the Journey. The actual cost is based on a person's state of residency, birth date and amount covered. Contact Anais (561 841-1551 ext. 3) at Air Journey for more details.